

SUSTAINED GROVER.

House Backs Up One of His Pension Veto.

PRESIDENT HAD RATHER BEST OF ARGUMENT.

Work of Ways and Means Committee on the New Tariff Bill—Clerk Lord's Position Made Doubly Responsible—Harold Sewall at Capital.

[SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.]

Washington, December 16.—The ways and means committee of the House began on Monday evening to work in earnest on the construction of the new tariff bill which is to be passed by the House, and it is hoped and expected, by the Senate also at the special session of the Fifty-fifth Congress, which is probably to be convened about the middle of next March. This beginning of the work by evening sessions at the very start indicates that the work is to be pushed with great diligence. Hearings will begin at an early date, special days being assigned to the various schedules, and quite probably more than one day to some of the more important classifications. But so protected hearings will not be needed as in the Fifty-fifth Congress because the hearings at that time were all written out and indexed for ready reference; and also the hearings on the Wilson bill were similarly prepared. This places at the disposal of the committee nearly all the main facts needed for the construction of their bill.

This work on the new tariff bill will bring a great amount of important work upon the clerk of the ways and means committee, Mr. Herbert M. Lord of Rockland, Me. Mr. Lord has, in his service, and opportunities at the present session, qualified himself for the delicate and difficult duties now devolving upon him.

It is not often that the House of Representatives sustains President Cleveland in a veto of a private pension bill. The President does not veto so many of these bills as he used to during his first term; but occasionally he tries one, just to keep his hand in. On Monday such a case came up, and the House did an unusual thing in sustaining the veto. But the President made out a pretty strong case. The bill was one to grant a pension to Lydia A. Taft, who was during the war the wife of Lowell Taft, of the Connecticut volunteers. Mrs. Taft got a divorce from her husband in 1891 on account of intoxication. In 1892 he died in the soldiers' home. Of course the object of granting a pension to a widow is to recompense her for the loss of her husband by reason of his service for the country. It was pretty hard to set up that Mrs. Taft had lost much when her husband died, since she had before that cast him off as not worth keeping. One or two members tried to set up the plea that the habits of intoxication had been acquired while a soldier, but inquiries as to whether this was in the line of duty, destroyed the effect of the argument. It requires a two-thirds vote to pass a bill over the President's veto, and the friends of the bill could muster but 98 votes, while 85 voted against it. Probably many voted for the bill because of prejudice against Mr. Cleveland's pension vetoes rather than because they believed there was merit in the bill.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon Speaker Reed to have him appoint Representative Newlands of Nevada, to the place on the ways and means committee, made vacant by the death of Mr. Crisp of Georgia. Mr. Crisp was a Democrat, and Mr. Newlands is an independent silver man, formerly a Republican. It is urged on behalf of Mr. Newlands that he is an ardent protectionist, and has given the subject much study; also that his presence on the ways and means committee will have the effect of making the two Nevada Senators, Jones and Stewart, look with favor on the tariff bill when it shall come into the Senate. On the other hand, Mr. Crisp's place belongs to a Democrat, and it is urged that Mr. Newlands does not fill the bill, although he supported Bryan. And if this place is to be given to a Democrat, it is urged that the Democrat selected should be one of the sound money contingent, who helped in the last election. As to the proposition to throw out Mr. Jones and Stewart, it is urged that it is not a desirable thing to do, and that now it is time for the two Senators to show their faith.

Hon. Harold Sewall of Bath, arrived in the city Monday.

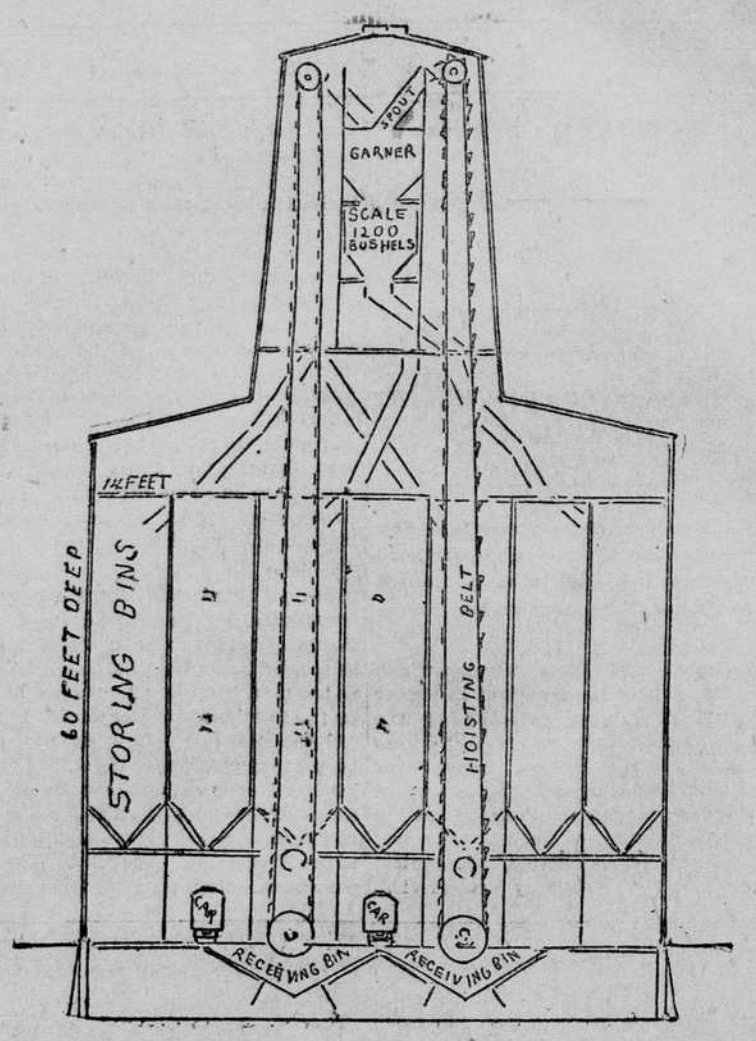
A CRY OF WARNING.

"I suffered for years and years with woman and kidney trouble in their worst forms."

"I had terrible pains in my abdomen and back; could hardly drag myself around; had the 'blues' all the time, was cross to everyone; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all my pains."

"I cannot praise it enough, and cry aloud to all women that their suffering is unnecessary; go to your drug-gist and get a bottle that you may try it anyway. You owe this case of recovery to yourself."—Mrs. J. STEN-ARD, 2218 Amber St., Kensington, Phila., Pa.

Cross Section of New Elevator.



The above cut is a cross section of the new Grand Trunk elevator, showing the process of storing grain from the cars in which it is brought from the West.

Here the cars are shown standing on the tracks, which run directly through the building.

From the cars the grain is shovelled by steam scoops into the receiving bins, which are placed in the basement. Into these receiving bins run buckets attached to a hoisting belt, which runs on a large power wheel at the first floor, up to the very top of the building over a smaller wheel. These buckets scoop up the grain

from the receiving bins and carry it up, and over the top wheel, where it is dumped into a spout leading to a large room which is called the garner.

From here it is let down slowly into the 1200 bushel scale, where it is measured, and then distributed by means of long spouts into the correct storing bins.

These storing bins take up the greater part of the building. There are about 119 bins, each being 60 feet long or deep, and approximately 18 feet square.

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A BLIZZARD INDEED.

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The Maine Central main line and the branches as well, the Grand Trunk and Portland and Rochester, were on time.

The electric lines were a little troubled but were not materially. The Portland Railroad company's office reported no difficulty on the Westbrook and Deering lines, and that a party of ladies who belong to a whist club had gone out to Riverton to the Casino and were to be joined at supper by their husbands. On the city lines the cars were crowded to their utmost capacity, and the new snow plow was kept running continuously. It must have been a hard ride on the Cape electric for the northeast wind sweeps over the Cape with great force.

The telephone wires were all right and no inconvenience was experienced.

NOTES.

The air was so full of snow yesterday morning that one couldn't see but a few feet ahead.

The signal for no school was struck in the afternoon.

Out of doors business was largely suspended for it was the most disagreeable day in Portland since last winter.

The storm will retard the work of putting the roof on the new theatre. Up to yesterday morning 75 men were at work there and will resume operations as soon as the weather permits.

Draper Assured Ambassadorship. New York, December 16.—A Washington special says: It is now practically assured that Representative Draper, Republican of Massachusetts, will represent the United States as an ambassador under the next administration. The party leaders of the state have been assured that one of the four ambassadorships, England, France, Germany or Italy, will go to Massachusetts, presumably Mr. Draper. The Massachusetts delegation in Congress is fully united on Gen. Draper for Massachusetts.

Appropriation Bills Ready.

Washington, December 16.—The military academy appropriation bill was reported to the House today. It carries an appropriation of \$489,570, \$32,241 less than the estimates, and \$49,047 more than the appropriation for the current year. The House committee on agriculture today completed the agricultural bill for the coming fiscal year. The measure will carry an appropriation of \$1,300,000, about the same as for the current year. No appropriation for seeds to be distributed by members of Congress was asked for by the secretary, but the committee inserted this item.

The Next Senate.

Washington, December 16.—Senator Thurston of Nebraska, a member of the national Republican committee, said yesterday: "The Republicans seem certain to elect 42 seats in the next Senate. If Mr. Mantiel of Montana should not win, we will have 43. We then need at least two more votes together with the vote of the Vice President to secure the passage of a tariff bill. We hope to secure these two votes from Kentucky and North Carolina."

Want to Keep Their Jobs.

Concord, N. H., December 16.—A largely attended secret conference of the fourth class postmasters of this section was held at the Federal building today. While those present decline to state the object of the meeting, it is understood that it was for the purpose of endeavoring to influence President Cleveland to extend the civil service so as to include their positions by signing and forwarding petitions asking that this be done. It is stated that similar meetings will be held within a short time, in all other sections of the country.

No Opposition to Young Crisp.

Atlanta, Ga., December 16.—Charles R. Crisp was today elected to the place of the Vice President in the Senate. Speaker Crisp, in Congress, He had no opposition.

YOUNG MONK ON STAND.

Passenger on Barkentine Herbert Fuller Testifies

HIS TALK WITH BRAM BEFORE SHIP SAILED.

Dr. Finn of Halifax Describes Wounds on the Three Victims of the Murder—Mr. McDonald Gives Measurements of Distances on Fuller.

Boston, December 16.—There was the usual large attendance on the trial of Meta Thomas Bram in the United States circuit court this morning. The defendant looking bright and cheerful, shook hands with his counsel soon after being conducted to the prisoner's cage. A small model of the Herbert Fuller on board which the triple murder occurred, was placed on the table of the counsel for the government.

The first witness was William A. McDonald, a civil engineer, who identified the plans he had made of the Herbert Fuller at the request of United States Consul General Graham.

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THE WORM TURNED.

Inoffensive Italian Murders Man Who Abused Him.

Somerville, Mass., December 16.—Charles Prescott, unmarried, a driver of the city ash cart, was this afternoon, stabbed and killed by Carlos Mangano, an Italian about thirty, who runs a little cobbler shop at 263 Lowell street.

Mangano has always been an inoffensive man, and his shop has been the loafing place for young fellows.

This afternoon Prescott and two companions went into the shop for the purpose of having some amusement with Mangano. They went to such an extent that the Italian became exasperated.

They finally took Mangano out doors and ducked him in a snow bank. The Italian rushed into the shop seized a shot gun and fired at Prescott, but failed to hit him. The young men followed him into the shop and Prescott struck him in the face, whereupon Mangano buried his knife in Prescott's breast.

Prescott continued to struggle with the Italian and was badly cut on the hands while attempting to wrestle off the blows. In a few seconds Prescott's friends reached the shop but Prescott was dying. Mangano was arrested and will be arraigned tomorrow.

Escaping the Office Seekers.

Canton, December 16.—In order to join his wife, to secure a change of scene and escape the throng of unimportant visitors who call to say they were "original McKinley men," Mr. McKinley left Canton at 9 o'clock this evening for Chicago. He expected to reach Chicago about 8 a. m., and will go to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette McKim, where his wife is staying. The Major's health is sound, but he feels the need of rest.

Court House in Flames.

Galveston, Tex., December 17.—Galveston county court house 13 a mass of flames. The body of the court house was destroyed by fire. The fire started in the rear of the building and spread rapidly. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The damage was estimated at \$100,000.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

At Sneedville, Tenn., Mairied Hatfield, a relative of the notorious Hatfields of Kentucky and West Virginia, was hanged Wednesday for the murder of Jonas March, a dealer in illicit whiskey, March 1895.

The New Hampshire state grange yesterday adopted resolutions endorsing J. H. Brigham of Ohio for secretary of agriculture.

Venezuela citizens have been ordered to deposit arms and ammunition carried by them with the minister of the interior. It has not developed whether it was due to fear of a revolution as the outcome of the hostility to Crespo on account of his willingness to agree to Olney-Panama treaty.

An explosion occurred in Creamer's match factory at Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, last evening, demolishing the building, killing 15 women and girls and seriously injuring seven others.

Senator Butler's paper Wednesday contained the following editorial: "and now it is announced that Hon. Thomas E. Watson will contest the seat of Black from the Tenth district. We have strained ourselves to be loyal to Watson since his nomination for Vice President, but our strength is now exhausted and we give up the job of loyalty to him."

Dan Stuart, who has been arranging to bring Corbett and Fitzsimmons together, will meet Corbett in New York today, when the latter will consider Stewart's proposition and sign the offer of agreement. Stuart will officiate at the fight, which is to be held early in 1897, and will guarantee to find a place where the fight can be held without interference. Corbett and yesterday that he would be on hand ready for business.

Sailor Henry Howesacker who shot and killed Meta Edward Miller on board the American schooner Rebecca J. Moulton, in the harbor of Havana, was discharged from custody in New York Wednesday, by United States Judge Brown. Judge Brown decided as the death sentence, outside the jurisdiction of the United States he could not be tried in this country.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorates the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by H. P. S. Gould, 677 Congress street, under Congress Square Hotel.

Mr. McDonald was called to finish testifying on his measurements suspended this morning. Since the morning he had prepared the figures and for Mr. McDonald, as to the location of the ball and wheel.

There was a rod inside the window which was a shutter to the window. This rod was used for hanging a curtain on. He did not remember the number of panes of glass in the window. He said there was a shutter to the window which was a rod inside the window. The shutter was composed of a frame and seven

slats with 3-8 inches clear space, and the distance from the center of the mizzenmast to the wheel was 35 feet 4 inches; mainmast to center of the wheel, 76 feet 6 inches; foremast to wheel, 110 feet; wheel to forecastle, 109 feet, 2 inches; distance between two houses, 77 feet, 4 inches; distance from forecastle to companion way to wheel, 32 feet; length of after house, 30 feet.

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The second wound was a compound fracture of the right jaw, which was a fatal one. The third wound was a compound fracture of the left jaw, which was a fatal one. The fourth wound was a compound fracture of the right arm, which was a fatal one. The fifth wound was a compound fracture of the left arm, which was a fatal one. The sixth wound was a compound fracture of the right leg, which was a fatal one. The seventh wound was a compound fracture of the left leg, which was a fatal one.

In the cut only seven of these bins are shown, as it is an end view of the plan.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

THE undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate in the County of Cumberland, on the first Tuesday of December, A. D. 1896, commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Samuel A. Holbrook, late of Freeport, in said county, deceased, represented himself, hereby give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to creditors in which to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session at the following places and times for the purpose of receiving the same, viz.: at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of December 19, 1896, January 2 and 16, February 6, March 6 and 20, April 3, May 1 and 15, and June 1, 1897, at the office of the late Samuel A. Holbrook in Freeport, and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of February 20 and April 17, 1897, at the office of Albert E. Neal, 36 Exchange street, Portland. Dated this second day of December, A. D. 1896.

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WAYS OF METEORS

Screened by Our Atmosphere From These Bullets of the Sky.

Description of a Meteoric Shower by Sir Robert Ball.

(Washington Star.)

Astronomy is generally concerned about objects of huge dimensions. For though many of the celestial bodies may appear to us to be small on account of the vast distance by which we are separated from them, yet they are in many cases mighty globes comparable with our earth in bulk, or more usually, hundreds or even millions of times greater. There is, however, one class of objects, strictly belonging to the province of astronomy, which have no pretensions to consideration on the ground of their bulk. The objects of which I speak are, in fact, not as large as even the smallest of moons or the most telescope of planets. They are not even so big as the mountains on the earth; the majority of them are indeed little pieces of matter no larger than the pebbles on a garden walk. I dare say that many of them are not greater than the grains of sand on the seashore. We denote them by the word **meteors**.

These little objects must, however, be regarded as bodies which come within the province of the astronomer, for they have an existence quite independent of our earth, and move freely through space in so far as at least as that part of their career is concerned which precedes the supreme occasion on which, once for all, they make their appearance to us.

The most remarkable feature of the meteor is the speed at which it travels. Though often not so large as a rifle bullet, a meteor, urged its way at a pace far in excess of that with which any rifle bullet has ever been driven, or, we may indeed say, far in excess of that with which any rifle bullet ever could be driven.

We find that meteors are generally animated with speeds far in excess of those possessed by any rifle bullet. For our present purpose there is no occasion to inquire as to the manner in which such terrific velocities have been originally imparted. All that we have now to consider is the fact these little objects when moving in free space are certainly hurrying along with velocities ten times, twenty times, fifty times, or sometimes even 100 times the speed of the swiftest rifle bullet that ever was fired.

ROUND THE GLOBE IN TEN MINUTES.

If a meteor were to fly round the equator while preserving all the time its characteristic speed, it would take no more than two or three minutes to cross each of the continents and each of the oceans which lay in its way; and, in fact, the whole journey round the globe would be accomplished within ten minutes. Animated by such a speed a body would pass from Liverpool to New York in a minute, or it would travel all the way from the earth to the moon in less than an hour and a half.

A meteor urging its course with this speed, and passing near the earth, say at a distance of a thousand miles or so. It then pursues its way and entirely escapes our attention. No doubt the meteor would be checked with nearly the same will, to a certain extent, pull the object and compel it to swerve from the direction it has been following, but provided it gets clear of the atmosphere which so completely invests the earth, the meteor will be uninjured and will not lose its velocity. Doubtless every day, many times over, and every minute, unseen meteors are passing by the earth, narrowly escaping a fall which would forever terminate their wanderings. Suppose, however, the direction of the motion of a meteor be such that it enters our earth's atmosphere. Immediately its terrific motion is checked. It might almost be said to be checked with nearly the same emphasis as the speed of an ordinary rifle bullet would be checked if it were fired into a hay stack. The speed which the meteor possesses before it has struck into our atmosphere cannot possibly be maintained afterward. The resistance of the air will not permit it. But the effort of the celestial wanderer to continue its astonishing movements after it has taken the plunge lead to consequences which, though fatal to the meteor, are of the highest interest.

RESULT OF FRICTION.

Every one knows that the friction of two bodies rubbing against each other is frequently accompanied by the production of heat. A neglected axle-box in a carriage in rapid motion has occasionally been known to set a railway train on fire. In this case the axle, from not being properly supplied with grease, had become hot from friction, and as the friction still continued the heat gradually rose until a temperature sufficient to produce ignition had been generated. As the flying meteor dashes through the air, the air rubs on the surface of the little meteor. It can be shown by experiment that the friction of the air against a body hurrying rapidly through it produces heat.

It is true that we are not actually able to try this experiment with a body moving so quickly as a meteor, but we can experiment up to a certain point, and then calculation will take up the reasoning, and conduce to a very striking result. We can show that when a meteor dashes into our atmosphere the heat generated as it passes its way through the friction will be sufficient, not alone to warm the object, but to make it red hot, and even white heat. Nay, further, the heat that can be produced by the friction of a cold body striking into our cold atmosphere may become higher than that which is generated in a blast furnace. It may be higher than the temperature in the flame of an oxyhydrogen blow pipe.

The effect upon the meteor is of a most astonishing description. Be the materials of this body what they may; whether they are such as will yield easily to fire or whether they are the most intractable bodies which can be found, they will be heated as this body passes through the friction produced by this atmospheric friction. The little object not only grows red and white hot, but it is fused into liquid. Nay, further, the abundance of

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the heat is such that the liquid may be boiled off into vapor, so that within a very few seconds after the meteor has penetrated into the atmosphere its dissolution is complete. It has perished as an individual object and its remains lie strewn in impalpable dust along a track perhaps ten, twenty or fifty miles in length.

BEFORE THE DUST PERIOD.

Our only knowledge of the existence of the meteor while its annihilation is in progress. Before that time we could not see it, for it was too small and too far away and moving too rapidly. After that time it could hardly be known to us, for how could we gather up the dust into which it had been converted along its track. But during the supreme moment of its dissolution it develops a streak of light so bright as to be apt to create an impression altogether out of proportion to the minuteness of the object to which the light owes its origin.

It must not be thought that because a single observer under ordinary circumstances sees only a few shooting stars on any particular night that therefore the number of these objects appropriated by the earth every twenty-four hours are not very numerous. It has been estimated that the number of shooting stars which daily plunge into our atmosphere is to be reckoned by millions. If not, indeed, by scores of millions. In considering that this addition of external matter to our globe has been in progress for illimitable ages, it seems quite possible that a considerable part of our earth may actually have been derived from the daily raining down of these little celestial wanderers upon its surface. It is fortunate for us dwellers on the earth we are screened by our atmosphere from these bullets of the sky. For even though these objects be no larger than the pebbles on a gravel walk, yet considering that they are animated with velocities one hundred times as great as that of a rifle bullet, it is obvious that they would be as deadly as bullets if they were to descend on the earth highly dangerous. On the moon, for instance, where there is no protecting atmosphere to reduce the missiles to streaks of harmless vapor, and thus serve as a screen, the blows must be terrific.

SHOWERS OF METEORS.

It had long been noticed that there were certain nights in the year in which meteor displays were specially manifested. The most notable dates in this connection are the 10th of August and the 13th of November. On either of these nights in almost every year the diligent watchers of the skies will be rewarded with the sight of an unusual number of these fiery darts. Even on those days, however, the display is not, generally speaking, sufficiently striking to excite universal astonishment. It does, however, sometimes happen that the November showers become a spectacle which can only be described as sublime. Many of your readers will doubtless recollect the superb display of shooting stars which took place on the 13th of November, 1890.

I shall always treasure the recollection of that phenomenon as perhaps the most interesting astronomical sight that I have ever witnessed. I was at that time astronomer to the late Earl of Rosse at Parsonstown in the center of Ireland. It was then my duty to observe nebulae with the famous reflecting telescope of six feet aperture. I was engaged on the night in question in conjunction with the present Earl of Rosse, in examining a nebula when the exclamation of an attendant by my side made me look up in time to see a splendid shooting star streak across the great rocket, streamed across the sky.

Presently similar objects appeared in scores and hundreds, and for some hours the most interesting astronomical sight that I have ever witnessed. I was at that time astronomer to the late Earl of Rosse at Parsonstown in the center of Ireland. It was then my duty to observe nebulae with the famous reflecting telescope of six feet aperture. I was engaged on the night in question in conjunction with the present Earl of Rosse, in examining a nebula when the exclamation of an attendant by my side made me look up in time to see a splendid shooting star streak across the great rocket, streamed across the sky.

SIR ROBERT BALL.

MAINE TOWNS.

Items of Interest Gathered by PRESS Correspondents.

CUMBERLAND.

Cumberland, Dec. 16. Henry C. Blanchard arrived home from Missouri last Monday night. He brought with him a lot of poultry. The Falmouth and Cumberland township Sunday School Association will hold their quarterly meeting on Thursday afternoon and evening of the week at the Methodist church at the Fore Side.

Monday, as F. R. Sweetser was driving near the Gurney schoolhouse in the western part of the town, a part of the breeching and also part of the harness broke, the horse started and, badly bruising his face and one hand, and rendering him unconscious. In this condition he was found by some of the schoolchildren, who called Mr. Sewall Waitner and Carl Houtzky from the woods near, and they took him to Mr. Whitney's house. The horse was caught by Mr. Samuel Pride near his house, minutes before they finally sank into invisibility.

RAYMOND.

Raymond, Dec. 16. Mrs. Addie F. Winter, teacher of the school, boards with Mrs. Mary A. Brown. At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Endeavor Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. Emily Morton. Vice Pres.—Mrs. Ida Hayden. Secretary—Mrs. Mary A. Harmon. Treasurer and Collector—Mrs. Abbel J. Plummer.

Charles Merrill has gone to Naples to work making cans at the cannery. Mr. Fred Harmon entertained the Hall Club Saturday evening. The usual games were enjoyed. Friends from South Casco and East Raymond were present. Miss Annie Brown was in Portland this week, buying Christmas goods. Miss Nellie K. Plummer is visiting relations at Casco village. Miss Little Plummer has returned from North Windham. Miss Winnie Sears is stopping with Mrs. Merrill and attending school.

CAPE ELIZABETH.

Cape Elizabeth, December 16.—A series of meetings were held each afternoon and

evening of last week at the Baptist church, they will continue through this week. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Baker, is assisted in the work by Mr. Gray, South Gorham and Mrs. News of Auburn. A few of the farmers are hauling their cabbage and squash to market. There is but little sale for them as yet, but they are hoping the market will be better after the holidays. There will be a Christmas tree and concert at the Baptist church, Christmas eve.

Robert Dyer, formerly a resident of Pond Cove, who has been stopping with his brother, William J. Dyer at Ashland, Mass., for the past four years, was brought here last week and placed in the poor house. Mr. Harry S. Jordan of Spurwink, has his new house up and partly boarded.

MAINE POSTMASTER MISSING.

Joseph E. Jewett of North Vassalboro, Couldn't Stand Grief.

Waterville, December 16.—North Vassalboro is up in arms over the sudden disappearance of their postmaster, Joseph E. Jewett.

Jewett took French leave from his wife Tuesday, going to Waterville, where he purchased a ticket to Boston, and was seen to take the morning mail train.

The man is said to have been dying his kite very high for the past month and a half, in fact, since the defeat of the Democratic candidate for President. Thomas Valentine, one of his bondsmen, says: "I do not think that there will be found a shortage in the post office accounts, as Jewett has had little or nothing to do with them for some time, the office being in charge of his wife's sister, Miss Mary E. Lightbody, who at several times when Jewett has usually come in to relieve her."

Miss Lightbody is unwilling to give anything out at this time in regard to the matter. She is a young lady held in the highest esteem by her fellow townpeople.

Jewett's debts are known to be some fifteen hundred dollars, even if the post office affairs come out all right. The post office is kept in connection with a cigar and confectionery establishment.

THE HOWLAND COMPANY.

History and Troubles of the Great Mills.

The Highland Falls Pulp Company, which is in financial difficulties as reported in the PRESS of yesterday, was organized in 1890. After several years of success its mill was visited by a great fire which destroyed the better part of the plant and left the company in an uncomfortable situation. At that time there was a proposition to stop operations for the time, settle up with the stockholders and let the scheme drop temporarily, but the prospects for success were so bright, and there was such a host of promises in the minds of the projectors and of the leading stockholders, that the mill was rebuilt on a larger scale than before. When the rebuilding was complete the surplus on the books of the mill of the size in the United States, no more with such a future before it, apparently. Operations began again with renewed vigor.

Financial panic followed soon after, throughout the country. The shut down during the period following the decline in the surplus on the books of the mill, and the prevailing hard times fell upon the Howland mills with all the others of the nation.

A year and two ago there was a change in the management of the plant. Its officers may have had some different opinions as to the conduct of its affairs. The president was a man of noteworthy integrity and business ability, and the board of directors was no less honorable. But the differences led to a change. President Charles W. Coffey, a change, retired of his own volition from the chair of the corporation and from the board of directors. For more than a year he has had no connection with the management of the mills. In his place was elected E. T. Harvel, of Rockland, Mass., and the following constitute the board of directors, with their residences: George E. Keith, Campbell, Mass.; Thomas B. Draper, Canton, Mass.; George A. Russell, Springfield, Mass.; Wm. H. Stacy, Boston, Mass.; Brown, Reading, Mass.; A. W. Hanson, Bangor, John G. O'Connell, Bangor, Chas. Curtis, Newton, Mass. For a year and a half Mr. John Gerard has been superintendent of the mill. The impression about Bangor on Tuesday seemed to be that the Howland mills could not be closed up as a result of the proceedings noted. The plant is so extensive and so finely equipped, and it has so large a stock to draw from, that it will undoubtedly be controlled immediately by some reorganized company, if, indeed, the present company lets it go. Thomas Gilbert the lumberman has been operating in the Gulf region this season for the Howland company. He took the contract to furnish the mills with stock. The mills are still running, but it is thought likely that a shut down will follow in a short time, until the affairs of the company are readjusted. In that case the lumberman holding the contract will be likely to be seriously inconvenienced.

Narrow Escape for Girls. Providence, R. I., December 16.—Fire in the Calender building early this afternoon, caused a loss of about \$15,000, mostly by water. About sixty girls were in the building and many became panic stricken. Sixteen were found huddled together in the room, bewildered by smoke and unable to find the exit. All were led out of the building in safety. The loss by fire will not reach \$200. The water damage is caused by automatic sprinklers flooding the building.

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Preparing for the Worst. "Y, Huns, how is you dot you again vos so much getrunken?" "It look dis is. I vas heard dot dere vos some talk like day vos going to increase dot beer tax soon yet; so I git me poofy full vine dere is yet plenty time."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Forewarned. "Don't ever tell Fitztop that you haven't anything to read." "Why?" "If you do, he will immediately lend you this book he wrote himself."—Chicago Tribune.

We are not surprised that people will not take a new cough remedy, when they know the value of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

LEWISTON STIRRED UP.

Merchants Demand Daily Arrest of Alleged Itinerant Vendor.

Lewiston, December 16.—Lewiston merchants are stirred up over the persistence of R. M. Lewsen in continuing to run a cloak store here in the face of what they claim is a violation of the law. In court Monday, Lewsen was fined \$50, for being an itinerant vendor, and not having complied with the law. He not having complied with the law. He appealed and gave bonds. Since then he has continued as before.

He claims he is here permanently and hence not under the itinerant vendor law. Today a meeting of the merchants requested the city solicitor to make an arrest of Lewsen daily for awhile. Lewsen was arrested this afternoon and fined the same as before. He appealed and gave bonds. Much interest is manifested in the outcome of the case.

FISH AND GAME OF MAINE.

Annual Report of Commissioners Made to Governor and Council.

Augusta, December 16.—The commissioners of fish and game today presented their annual report to the Governor and Council, and it exceeds in interest any document issued by this department for several years. The commissioners recommend stringent regulations for the protection of moose if they are to be preserved from extinction and says the Marquand object lesson has taught the rich poacher from other states that he is not safe from arrest and trial, even though he may escape arrest while within our borders, and it is believed it will have very wholesome effect.

"There is no question but what at least ten thousand deer have been killed in Maine during 1896, quite a proportion of them by our own citizens. Deer are now found in every county and there seems to be no great decrease, notwithstanding the great numbers killed. In some localities there has been a marked decrease of game owing to the fact that no attention has been paid to the game laws.

"From the best information obtainable the caribou are fast disappearing, and very soon will be practically extinct, unless more stringent laws are enacted for their protection. Every effort should be made to preserve this species of our big game. Jack Darling estimates that there are in the state 150,000 deer, 13,000 moose and 10,000 caribou. Twenty-five per cent of this number of each would, in our opinion, be much nearer the truth.

"Guiding has become a regular occupation of a large number of people. At least 1500 men are thus employed. Hunting camps are everywhere. Ten thousand at least visited the Rangeley region this year and 50,000 souls came to Maine in 1896 to fish, hunt and enjoy our scenery and climate. More than \$5,000,000 have been expended by them alone in the state.

"We report a larger run of trout and salmon this fall than ever before. Notwithstanding the largely increased number of anglers there seems to be plenty fish. This is due largely to artificial propagation and protection. Landlocked salmon have thriven wonderfully in many new lakes and ponds where introduced.

"The run of salmon at Sebago this fall was the largest ever known. We took 800,000 eggs as the weir on the Crooked river and 200,000 trout eggs. The salmon averaged seven or eight pounds in weight. The run of trout in large lakes like Rangeley and Moosehead, have been behind the average."

A chapter is given on the black game and capercaillie. Of the importation of 1885 it is certain that a part of the black game survived, one young bird of this season's hatching having been seen. Of the capercaillie but little can be said, they not being heard from. It was intended to report the experiment, but other states want to try it and we are willing they should corner the market. Every effort should be made to protect the partridge. The law giving the commissioners authority to open and close waters seems to operate satisfactorily.

Bobbie Throwing Case Settled. Biddeford, December 16.—Peter A. Chas, the boy who was critically injured by a bobbin thrown by Jack Thibodeau, a section hand in the spinning room of the Laccuna mills, is out of danger. The case against Thibodeau was settled today, he paying the costs of court and agreeing to pay the doctor's bills and remunerate the boy for the loss of his time from work.

The Lloyd's agent at Caracoa cables that the Hamburg American line steamship "Thuringia," from Hamburg, November 13, and Havre November 17, for West Indian ports, is ashore east of Point Caracoa, island of Caracoa. It is not believed she has any passengers.

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THE PRESS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

"Official statements" by the Spaniards are quite likely to be official mis-statements.

The Christian Scientists and Theosophists have spoken. Now the Mental Healers should put in their case.

It is about time for Weyler to take the field again. He must by this time have recovered from his arduous exertions in the last campaign behind the Trocha.

Senator Chandler instructs that the Senators who want to adjourn for the holiday recess are attorneys for the Spaniards. How our statesmen love one another.

The enlisting of men in this country to serve in a war against a nation with which we are at peace is a violation of our neutrality law and punishable with a severe penalty.

We imagine that a good many of the people who are offering their services to the Cuban rebels will suffer a very decided change of heart when the time to march arrives.

The Republicans have a good chance of getting a Senator from Kentucky, though that may be lost through the irreconcilable aspirations of half a dozen candidates, but the prospect in North Carolina of the Republican who is not committed to free silver is not brilliant.

The Republicans can only elect a Senator there by the aid of the Populists and it is not likely that that can be had for a Republican who will not agree to do something handsome for free silver.

Senator Cull's intense zeal in behalf of the Cubans is not due, we suspect, to any superior sensitiveness on his part to the claims of humanity, but to the fact that he comes from the state of Florida which contains a great many sympathizers with the Cuban insurgents who cast votes on election day. Probably if he had come from some other state he would not have been guilty of violently denouncing Spain upon an assumption which he admitted he did not know to be true.

The Democratic members of the New York legislature are undecided whether to cast their vote for Hill for United States Senator or to give it to some one else in order to rebuke him for his apathy in the recent campaign. He certainly deserves a rebuke, not so much for apathy as for cowardice in sitting on the fence all through the campaign ready apparently to get down on the winning side whether it was silver or gold. He was one of the few Democrats, whose belief was in sound money, who refused to use his influence and power on the side of honesty and sound finance, and if his non-committal attitude has brought to him the contempt of both factions of the Democracy, as appears to be the case, it is no more than got his deserts.

It is not strange that the people of Madrid are getting tired of Weyler and want some one sent to take his place. He has not given the slightest evidence of military capacity since he has been in Cuba, and the brief periods he remains in the field and his anxiety to get back to Havana would seem to impugn his courage. That he is a vain man is indicated by his willingness to be welcomed as a hero on his recent return to Havana though he had accomplished absolutely nothing. A real soldier is modest when he has good reason to be proud, but the huzzas of the populace are evidently very pleasing to Weyler's ears; no matter whether he has done anything to deserve them or not.

We are glad that the President of the Theosophical Society has corrected some of Dr. Blanchard's "bad mistakes" in reference to that wonderful philosophy. It would be indeed if by reason of the Doctor's errors the theosophical deity is constructed on the lower plane of Cosmos or that Nirvana implies simply negation whereas it is really a state to be attained by the soul in the ex-

tinguishment of desire; or that Karma is fatalism whereas it is the law of action and reaction. It can be seen that if these errors came to be generally accepted by the community great harm might follow, and it is gratifying to know that all that danger is now averted by the very clear and convincing statement of the President of the Portland Theosophical society published elsewhere in this paper.

We are inclined to agree with Senator Frye that all the time spent by the committee of ways and means on so called tariff hearings will be virtually wasted. The members of the committee or many of them, are sufficiently familiar with the needs and demands of the various industries, and the hearings will give them no knowledge which they do not now possess or cannot get in a much easier and more satisfactory way. Of course there will be a shout if hearings are not given that the dark lantern method has been resorted to, but on the other hand if hearings are given there will be the accusation that the committee has been controlled by the representatives of large and wealthy corporations seeking a tariff for their own benefit and with little regard for the wishes or interests of the general public. There has just been a series of hearings before a committee of the Canadian Parliament as to what duties should be placed on various articles; and if they have settled anything except that human nature is as selfish in Canada as it is in the United States it is hard to discover what it is.

CURRENT COMMENT.

THERE ARE SCHEMERS EVEN IN VERMONT.

(New York Post.)

The recent session of the Vermont legislature was not so much a display of wit and wit reference to one incident, which showed the existence of "ways that are dark" at Montpelier, as well as Albany or Hartford. In the closing days a harmless sounding bill was introduced in the Senate, favorably reported by the committee on military affairs, and passed without opposition, which provided that between the 1st of March and the 15th of October the commander-in-chief of the National Guard direct a parade of that body for drill, which should continue not less than three nor more than eight days, and should be directed in army maneuvers by the commander-in-chief. The bill was sent over to the House, was referred to the military committee, came back with favorable recommendation from it, and was apparently on the point of going through the lower branch as smoothly as it had passed the upper. But the fixing of the first day of March as one of the limits of the period aroused the curiosity of a rural legislator, who wanted to know why provision was made for the possible holding of a muster at a season when the snow was liable to be six feet deep on the state camp ground. The answer to this innocent inquiry let the cat out of the bag, and showed that a cunning scheme had been concocted to take place on the 1st of March, and that the legislature had been deceived through the legislature to have the state treasury foot the bills of a "junketing tour" of the militia to Washington at the time of the inauguration.

A suggestion from the inquisitive lawbreaker that the chairman of the military committee had better take his pencil and figure out at how many pounds of butter it would take at 15 cents a pound to pay the cost of such a trip caused a rejection of the bill by a unanimous vote, to the great confusion of its promoters.

SHOULD GO OUT OF THE BANKING BUSINESS.

(Hartford Courant.)

It may be some time before these discredited obligations are paid off and retired. Until they are, business affairs are bound to be subject to disturbance, and the commercial interests of the country, growth and prosperity, whatever they may be, will be less than they might be. The government should go out of the banking business altogether, and until that is accomplished we shall urge its vital importance and never think of keeping still for the poor reason that what is eternally right seems for the moment unattainable.

STATE TOPICS OF INTEREST.

Suits have been brought against the city of Ellsworth by both sets of police officers who have served that city during the past year, owing to an entanglement in the city's municipal affairs.

Cattle Commissioner John M. Deering, of Saco, was in Minot one day attending to a herd of fourteen cattle, owned by Charles A. Wells. Last fall several of them were killed, and one was found diseased and was killed. There were no indications that any of the others were affected, and so they were not killed, but the owner applied for the test. One old cow, the ancestor of the herd, is believed to have transmitted the germs of tuberculosis to all of the rest. They were killed and the other four are to be killed at once. They were appraised at \$115, and the owner loses one half.

There is talk among Clinton citizens of forming a company to manufacture orquest and bobbins and to novelty turning. If a company is formed they propose to employ thirty hands. All the farmers in Clinton and surrounding towns are anxious to have such a manufactory, so they can find sale for their hard wood lumber.

R. F. Chalk, the factory inspector, is proposing a bill which he proposes to introduce at the coming session of the legislature, providing for amendments to the law regarding the equipment of public buildings, hotels, etc., with fire escapes. The part of the present regulations which Mr. Chalk would have changed is that relating to the enforcement of the law. He would have the business taken out of the hands of municipal and town authorities, and be put in the charge of an officer appointed to cover the whole State. He would have this new State officer awarded a nominal salary of about \$200 from the State, with the additional privilege of collecting \$2 from each of the parties whose property is inspected. This officer would be appointed to do all the work throughout the State. Should such a bill pass Mr. Chalk would be a candidate for the office.

The legislative committee of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game association has arranged to meet the fish and game commissioners at the Capitol, on Tuesday, for the purpose of talking over matters with a view to establishing some cooperation to the advantage of the state's sporting interests. The legislative committee consists of Hon. F. E. Timberlake; Hon. John F. Hill; Hon. A. M. Spear; Hon. F. Sprague; Col. E. C. Farrington; Hon. L. T. Carlson, and

Hon. P. O. Vickery. Other prominent men interested in game protection will be invited to be present.

The Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Co.'s mill at Montague has again started, and it is gratifying to know that all that danger is now averted by the very clear and convincing statement of the President of the Portland Theosophical society published elsewhere in this paper.

KITE PHOTOGRAPHS SUCCESSFUL.

The Pictures Show That Airies Can Be Photographed from a Distance.

(From the New York Sun.)

William A. Eddy, the Bayonne kite flyer, met with fair success in his endeavors to take photographs from midair of the great sound, money parade as the marching throngs passed up Broadway on Saturday. Mr. Eddy raised his tall, less aeroplanes from the roof of the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company's building at 329 Broadway. He was assisted by Harry L. Allen and C. E. Duryea. To lift his camera to the desired altitude he sent up six red, white and blue kites. He had three dozen films prepared, and between 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon he obtained seventeen negatives. He would have broken his Boston record of eighteen photographs for the time but for a mishap in which three of his kites broke away from the main cable because of the gusty wind prevailing. The camera fell to the roof of a building about 400 feet away from Mr. Eddy. In order to save the camera he cut away with the three kites more than a thousand feet of line, which he lost. To recover the photographic outfit he had to crawl over a network of wires on the roof. The camera was comparatively unharmed, only one corner of the framework being broken.

After additional kites had been sent aloft the photographic apparatus was again raised, and the experiments were continued. When the work was completed Mr. Eddy hauled in the camera and in its place sent up a large flag, followed by a yellow kite, making his display consist of seven aeroplanes of different colors and three flags. A good deal of difficulty was experienced by him and his assistants in handling the kites, the pressure by the time darkness set in having risen to sixty pounds on the main cable. Frequently they thought that the heavy gusts of wind would cause another break in the line.

Mr. Eddy returned to his home at Bayonne with the films of the seventeen photographs he had taken, and immediately began the work of developing the negatives. Mrs. Eddy assisted him. Yesterday they tried to print copies of the photographs, but the sky was too cloudy for good results. Fifteen of the seventeen negatives were developed and only one was a failure. This was the one which was ready for exposure when the camera fell. Some of the photographs show columns of men on Broadway. The dense columns, moving in rectangular lines, show black lines on the photographs, but individuals are not distinguishable because of the great height at which the films were exposed. As the columns of men moved toward the camera they show much better than the flag decorations on the buildings along Broadway.

Mr. Eddy's experiments demonstrate that the movements of an army can be easily photographed from midair by an operator stationed at least five miles distant. Mr. Eddy says he found it difficult to obtain views of Broadway owing to the narrowness of the street in proportion to the height of the buildings, the dark sky and the view from the street by the buildings having prevented him from getting the desired effects of sunlight.

Reply to Dr. Blanchard's Remarks on Theosophy.

To the Editor of the Press:

The Rev. Dr. Blanchard, in his discourse last Sunday on Christian science, mental healing and theosophy, for want of better understanding of theosophical teaching, made some very bad mistakes which it may be well to correct.

In reference to Deity he contended in rather a cold and material manner, which would better apply, if at all applicable, upon the lower planes of Cosmos, whereas, theosophy holds that nature is one great whole, manifesting in a seven fold manner, and that Deity manifests throughout all under a triple aspect, (the Trinity), therefore is omnipotent, omnipresent, all prevailing and eternal consciousness out of which all has evolved and up to which spiritual man is tending; not being, but "Beness" self existing. To believe in a personal God is to limit and make finite that which is infinite.

In regard to Nirvana, the reverend doctor said, the teaching implied nearly negative, or something of its kind, which I am sorry to say is a very low and material conception of the real doctrine taught. Theosophy holds that Nirvana is a state to be attained by the soul, and is the extinguishment of desire; the kingdom of ineffable peace; annihilation of the illusious of matter, but not the true self, which is the soul.

Again the reverend doctor said Karma is Fatalism, which is not in keeping with Theosophical tenets. Karma is the law of action and reaction, law of cause and effect. It is not Fatalism in regard to man, for he is a free moral agent, and to a certain extent, endowed with a power of choice and may create new causes by the exercise of his will and power of choice, which causes must also have their effect.

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Susie Kirwin.

Susie Kirwin is done with soubrette roles; she is now at the head of her own company and will appear in Mignon, Madame Pavart, the Queen's Lace Handkerchief and Carmen. See them at the Portland theatre the week of December 21. Matinee daily excepting Monday.

Albani.

Mme. Albani, or Mlle. Lajeunesse, as she was originally known, was born at Chamblay, opposite Montreal, and at an early age gave promise of a brilliant future. She was taught music by her father, and while still a child sang at public concerts. When she was fourteen years of age her father removed to Albany, N. Y., to fulfill an engagement as a musician. In that city she received much encouragement (which accounts for her stage name), and remained there three years, singing during that period in St. Joseph's church. Then she went abroad to complete her vocal culture, but it was found that so excellent had been her early training that little additional counsel was required. She made her debut in Milan and Paris, and was instantly triumphant. Since then her career has been one of uninterrupted success. Last summer she sang for the Queen at Balmoral, Scotland, a rare honor. The tickets for the concert to be given at City Hall, Dec. 22d can be found at Stockbridge's.

The Conthout Concert Co.

Tonight the Conthout Concert Company will appear in the St. Lawrence St. Courthouse at City Hall, and good seats can be obtained at Stockbridge's during the day. The East Aurora News says:

"The Jessie Conthout Concert Company, that appeared at the Opera House Saturday night was, without doubt, the best concert by foreign talent ever given in East Aurora. There was a small audience, but everyone in attendance was thoroughly satisfied. There were four in the company, and every one was a star. There were no numbers on the programme, but the number was doubled on account of the responses demanded by the audience. No one of the company was better than the others. They formed a combination of entertainers that simply enraptured the audience. One prominent feature of the entertainment was that all the soloists were comprehensive. The fact is not a word of fault can be found with the entertainment. Those who were not there missed a rare treat indeed."

Old Lavender.

"Old Lavender," Mr. Edward Harrigan's most successful play, will be produced at the City Hall next Monday evening. The character of George Cogswell, Old Lavender, it will be remembered by those who saw Mr. Harrigan in the part when here a short time ago, is that of a kindly old gentleman who is the cashier of his brother's bank. He is addicted to drink, and through that weakness is imposed upon by rogues who scheme to have him pay a forged check. His brother, the banker, discharges him and he becomes an outcast, living in the slums. He falls to a drunken tramp, which character he, as a rule, generally revolting. Old Lavender is an exception to the rule. Ragged, unkempt, in a sailor boarding house or a cheap and cake shop, speaking wildly, quaintly or pathetically, we love him raw and all. Old Lav. is a gent-man through and through, and as we sit in the theatre following the old man's career we forget Harrigan the actor, and think only of poor old Lav. Such is art.

Atlantic Lodge Elects Officers.

At the annual meeting last evening of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, F. and A. M., the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

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The exhibition of the China Decorators' club opened at the rooms of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company's building, on the corner of Congress and Exchange streets, yesterday, and will continue through Friday, day and evening. The china is most attractively set on one long, and several small tables, the decorations are in green and white, and the effect of the exhibit is greatly enhanced by the lovely tropical palms placed, at proper intervals.

The exhibit embraces about five hundred pieces of all kinds and sizes. It would be impossible in the limits of a newspaper article to do more than mention some of the principal pieces displayed by each exhibitor.

Mrs. William Stevens, the president of the club, has a large collection. Among the pieces that attract the visitors are an entitled to great praise, are the beautiful marine views, the loving cup, with its decoration of hops and raised parts work, and graceful picture vase, with lovely floral decorations.

Mrs. Harry Harmon has a very choice selection of fine work including a superb punch bowl, a very handsome vase, and a medallion pin.

Mrs. Dana Fellows displays among other things a magnificent set of after-dinner coffee of her own design that draw marked attraction, a jardiniere with bird decoration, and a set of ice cream plates with floral decorations.

Among Mrs. Charles L. Bailey's collection are a beautiful chocolate set—pot, creamer, sugar and tray—and a great tankard and mugs with blackberry design.

Mrs. Alfred Sturges shows a beautiful berry set and figure plaque.

Miss Elsie Gilson displays a very handsome general collection.

Mrs. Longley has a table containing a great variety of articles. Among these especially noticeable are a plaque with duck design, exquisitely done, a very handsome tankard with design of grapes, a lovely sherbet set, and a set of plates with figure painting that is remarkably artistic.

Miss Sarah Coolidge's table bears among other things, a lovely Tuscan vase, and a set of Delft ware with charming marine views.

Among the beautiful things on Mrs. S. P. Warren's table, is a plaque with a portrait of Princess Louise, a most artistic jardiniere and a cup and saucer adorned with Cupids in paste work.

Miss Daisy Colby has a very pretty collection embracing many varieties, and the same may be said of the work of Miss Annie Sweet.

Miss M. F. Atwood's plaque with picture "In the Hayfield," is one of the most artistic and attractive decorations on exhibition, and this may be said of the mantel ornament, an allegorical picture of winter, a mother and child trying to protect themselves from the rude blasts of the coming storm. She also shows a beautiful butter set.

Among Mrs. C. M. Rice's attractive display, the oyster set, sherbet set, and the beautiful tankard with ornamentation of hops, create marked comment.

There is a handsome jardiniere, shown by Mrs. Charles Varner, decorated with roses, and a graceful vase with double violets.

Among Miss Gertrude Mullett's beautiful work, mention should be made of the lovely jardiniere, the cheese dish with decorations of violets, and broth bowl decorated with clover.

Mrs. Abner H. Davis, among other work shows a handsome figure piece and fernery.

Mrs. George S. Rowell exhibits a very handsome punch bowl, fernery and six platters and plates decorated with violets.

Mrs. Samuel Eveleth has a very pretty cider set among her other work. Mrs. Stevens is president of the club, Mrs. Bailey, vice president; Mrs. Davis, secretary and Mrs. Sturges, treasurer.

Miss Marion Jordan exhibits a plaque bearing the coat of arms of the house of Wadsworth.

The Hamilton Rifles.

The Bangor News reports that there is trouble in the Hamilton Rifles, a Bangor company of the Second Regiment of the National Guard. The News says: If the stories told by certain members of the Hamilton Rifles are true, and there is no good reason for doubting them, the company has been having internal troubles of a serious nature recently, which have resulted in the resignation of nine members, five of whom are non-commissioned officers.

The trouble began some time ago, when a member and officer was discharged for conduct unbecoming an officer. The nature of the conduct need not be stated here. After the man had been discharged, it was thought that the matter would end, although it was well known that some thought the punishment too severe.

At Monday night's meeting, however, the case bobbed up again in the shape of a proposition to reinstate the discharged member. This, naturally, displeased many of the company, and a long argument followed, with the above stated result. It is said that more of the company will resign should the man be reinstated.

OBITUARY.

Joseph Littlejohn.

Joseph Littlejohn died after an illness of several days, yesterday, at Peaks Island at the age of fifty-nine years and eight months. He was an active business man, a son of Captain Joseph Littlejohn, and leaves a widow and three sons.

Portland Marine Society.

At the annual meeting of the Marine Society Tuesday afternoon Captain J. W. Doering and Captain James Keizer were unanimously elected president and vice president respectively. This is their third consecutive term in office.

A BRILLIANT FAIR.

Held by Rockamecock Tribe at Their New Building in Deering.

The new building just completed at Morrill's Corner is to be used as an assembly hall, lodge room and banquet hall, Rockamecock tribe, No. 23, I. O. R. M. are to have the use of the upper part of the building as a wigwag or lodge room. On the first floor at the entrance, is a large lobby 9x15 feet, from which at the right opens to the smoking room, 16 feet square. At the left is the kitchen, and immediately in front is the banquet hall 40 feet square. The hall will seat 250 people at the tables.

The second floor is reached by an easy flight of stairs at the left of the entrance to the building, which opens into a lobby by the same as the lower floor. Opening at the right is an ante-room 13x15 feet, fitted with all necessary toilet arrangements. At the left is a committee room 9x15 feet. At the front is the entrance to the assembly hall. This hall is also used for the lodge room. This room is 40 feet square and 20 feet from floor to ceiling. The inside finish is of cypress and hard pine with maple floors. The building is lighted throughout by electricity.

To enable the tribe to equip its new quarters with furniture and other fixtures, a fair is now in progress at the new building. Mr. William Leighton is the chairman in charge of the general committee; Mrs. B. C. Peabody is chairman of the executive committee, and Mrs. G. M. Gram is secretary.

In the lower hall are the grocery and tinware departments. Mr. Howard O. Morrill is chairman of the grocery department, and is assisted by Messrs. Charles Lopez, Clarence Smith, Wm. Knut, Scott Bailey, G. P. Stevens, N. H. Cobb, S. P. Bailey and Oscar Moss. The tinware department is in charge of Mr. G. E. Alden, assisted by E. M. Watkins and G. Fred Grant.

In the assembly hall are the following booths: Confectionery booth, Mrs. G. O. Moses, chairman, assisted by Mrs. C. D. Moses, Miss Nellie Hall and Mr. G. P. Grant; ice cream booth, in charge of Mr. Wm. Leighton and Wm. Wood; cake booth, Mrs. Herbert B. Seal, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Wentworth, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. Noyes; art and fancy article booth, Mrs. Geo. Ward, chairman, and Mrs. H. C. Cobb in charge of the art work. These ladies are assisted by a corps of ten ladies. The fish pond is in charge of Mrs. Alvah C. Joy and Miss Belle Little; doll table is in charge of Miss Gertrude Goodrich, assisted by Misses Jennie Boucher, Emily Peabody, Alice Winslip, Louise Hill.

The apron table is in charge of Mrs. H. L. Gram, and Mrs. E. L. Watkins, assisted by Mrs. Strout, Miss Dow and Miss Stevens.

The ten-cent counter is in charge of E. M. Watkins, assisted by Mrs. George O'Connell, Mrs. George Little, Mrs. H. A. Hill, Mrs. B. F. Libby.

The Indian fortune teller's tent is occupied by Miss Sadie R. Burnham, who acts as the gypsy fortune teller. Last evening from 9 to 8 o'clock a New England supper was served. At 8 o'clock the comic opera, "Ponelope, or the Milkman's Bride," was presented by the following cast:

Pitcher, in the Police, Mr. W. P. Goss Towner, in the Grenadiers, Mr. H. F. Goding Chalk, a Milkman, Mr. A. C. Goss Mrs. Croaker, "The Missus," Miss Sadie L. Burnham

Penelope, a servant, Miss Hattie Pike Today the sale of articles will continue, and from 6 to 8 a cold meat supper will be served. At 8 o'clock a musical programme will be rendered followed by a farce in one act entitled "Per Telephone."

The opening day of the fair was Tuesday and the attendance was good, but yesterday, owing to the storm the attendance was not so good.

PAID TO THE TOWNS.

Their Share of the Railroad and Telegraph Tax.

The state treasurer has completed the apportionment of that portion of the railroad and telegraph tax, which towns owning stock in the state are entitled by law to receive, the amount so distributed for the current year aggregating \$59,091.82.

The law provides that one per cent of the value, as estimated by the board of state assessors, of the stock of any railroad or telegraph company paying a tax to the state, shall be paid to the towns in which the stock is owned, provided however, that there shall not be distributed a greater part of the tax collected from any road, than the proportion which the amount of stock in said road and leased lines owned in this state, bears to the whole amount of the capital stock of such road and leased lines.

The following are the several amounts apportioned over \$200:

Auburn,	\$ 510.00
Augusta,	4,371.03
Bangor,	14,533.33
Bath,	2,604.59
Belfast,	3,814.83
Brunswick,	556.57
Bucksport,	455.25
Calais,	816.73
Deering,	1,406.63
Dexter,	216.64
Ellsworth,	670.12
Exeter,	827.37
Farmington,	262.39
Gardiner,	431.41
Hallowell,	246.70
Kennebunk,	218.25
Lewiston,	535.38
New Gloucester,	626.74
Oakland,	294.85
Portland,	15,920.52
Richmond,	253.59
Rockland,	1,405.11
Saco,	1,674.24
Skowhegan,	717.90
Waldoboro,	205.04
Waterville,	827.28
Winterport,	916.89

MARRIAGES.

In Hampden, Dec. 8, Herbert J. Merrill of Bangor and Miss Hattie M. Eugene D. Cheilis of Bangor, Dec. 9, Dr. Eugene D. Cheilis of Bangor and Miss Bertha Dunning.

In Seal Cove, Dec. 2, Thomas Knowles of West Eden and Miss Addie Swazy.

In South Berwick, Dec. 5, Charles Tibbets and Miss Lizzie Emery.

In Washburn, Dec. 9, Lowell MacCubrey and Helen Wilder.

In Leeds Centre, Dec. 11, Howard E. Lincoln and Miss Gertrude E. Howe.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TODAY.

Owen, Moore & Co.
Eastman Bros. & Barfoot.
J. R. Libby.
Rines Bros. Co.
Hooper, Son & Langford.
McKenney—9.

AMUSEMENTS.
Portland Theatre.
High St. Church.
City Hall—Edward Harrigan.
Fido.

AUCTIONS.
F. O. Bailey & Co.

New Wants, To Let, For Sale, Lost, Found and Similar advertisements will be found under their appropriate heads on Page 5.

WE WON'T ANNOY YOU with arguments or try and change your opinion, rest assured of that. But we'll advise you to the best of our ability. If you wish us to. The time for winter clothing has been slow in coming; yet four months of cold weather lies before you; prices have suffered, of course; better clothing now for the money than ever before. Come and see for yourself. Lewis, Hall & Co., Wholesale Clothiers, Middle street, second door below Post Office, dec17

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

We have received from McGowan & Young a copy of the Catholic Family Annual for 1897, which is beautifully illustrated and contains much useful information. The Annual gives a list of all the Church festivals throughout the year.

During the session of the High school Tuesday three or four overcoats were stolen from the dressing rooms.

At a meeting of the Veteran Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary yesterday an amendment to the by-laws was acted on.

The ladies of the Specialty club will continue their sale of needlework and fancy articles today at Mrs. C. A. Plummer's, 635 Congress street.

The Emergency club held a pleasant meeting on Tuesday with Mrs. Hanson. The ladies feel pleased at the advance made upon the sewing. The next meeting of the club will be held on the 26th with Mrs. Hodgkins, 77 Congress street.

The Equal Suffrage club meets at 223 Western Frontenac, corner of Pine street, on Saturday, December 19th at 3 p. m.

The Portland China Decorators' club entertained a number of the members of the Augusta Decorators' club Tuesday.

The prospects for lobster is so poor that there is little doubt that Maine and Providence packers will charge more the coming year than at the present, says a Portland man interested in the business.

A Portland dealer says the prospect is that Valencia oranges will be plenty and cheap this season.

The broad platform for the gallery promenade of the Spring Point light-house has been put in position, adding greatly to the massive appearance of the work.

A case of diphtheria is reported from No. 8 Cedar street. Emily Pettes, aged 12, Quincy street, also has diphtheria.

Yesterday morning Judge Robinson sent young Hearn, the habitual truant to the Reform school during his minority.

A young lady who obtained a lodging at the police station Tuesday night, was taken to the Greely hospital yesterday suffering from illness.

In the communication in yesterday's paper entitled "Dr. Blanchard and Christian Science," the sentence "Perhaps the physicians off those days did not do now as much as the Lord," should read, "Perhaps the physicians off those days did not know as much as the Lord."

On account of the storm the ladies have decided to continue the I. O. R. M. fair to Saturday night, when the opera "Penelope" will be repeated by request.

Bramhall league gave a supper last evening to Mr. Payson Tucker. It was a very handsome affair as Bramhall league suppers always are. The affair was entirely informal.

The Samaritan Association will meet with Mrs. L. Billing, Franklin street, this afternoon.

The Ladies' Veteran Firemen Auxiliary were to take action on proposed amendments to their by-laws at the meeting last evening, but owing to the disagreeable weather only a small number were present so that action will be deferred until their next meeting.

The regular meeting of the Washingtonians which was to have been held last evening at the Gospel Mission was postponed owing to the small attendance.

The interest in the work of the Washingtonian movement is good, and doubtless if the weather holds good until their next meeting there will be the usual large attendance.

George Washington council, No. 3, S. O. A. M., will hold its regular meeting this evening. Nominations of officers and business of importance is to be considered.

Bank Examiner Hatch was in Portland yesterday.

Commander George E. Wingate, U. S. N., formerly at this station, is ordered detached from the League Island navy yard and ordered to duty at the Boston yard on January 3.

Among the arrivals at the Freebie yesterday were the following: Wm. Guiler, E. H. Loomis, Charles D. Moore, Eugene Weber, New York; N. A. Granstein, Cambridge; B. O. Walsh, Hudson; J. Gould, Biddeford; J. Sawyer, Boston; L. Nish, Montreal; D. J. Rothery, Berlin, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jones, Jackson, N. H.; Wm. Keenetic, Machias.

Gov-elect Powers was in Boston yesterday, at the Parker house.

Emmantly Satisfactory.

Dr. H. T. Clough of the Eye and Ear Infirmary has been experimenting with Prof. F. C. Robinson's wood alcohol burning apparatus for disinfecting rooms where cases of contagious diseases have been confined, and reports that his experiments have all been highly satisfactory.

MARINE SOCIETY'S MUDDLE.

Why Capt. B. F. Woodbury was Not Expelled from the Organization on Tuesday.

The Portland Marine Society held its annual meeting at the rooms of the Board of Trade on Tuesday afternoon and although this honored society is now 101 years old, Tuesday's meeting was undoubtedly the most exciting of any in its history.

It will be remembered that a year ago this month at the 100th annual meeting of the society Captain Benjamin Woodbury desired to read before the society a certain statement in regard to the manner in which the finances of the organization were being conducted. Captain John W. Deering, the president of the society, ruled that Captain Woodbury was out of order when he endeavored to present his statement at the meeting and ordered him to be seated. It is said that Captain Woodbury refused to be seated when so ordered by the president and that in violation of the society's by-laws he persisted in reading his statement.

Captain Woodbury claimed that the Marine society had no right under its charter to vote money to people not connected with the society and he also opposed the appropriating of \$300 of the society's money for giving a banquet in honor of the organization's 100th anniversary. But this latter appropriation was voted by the society and thereupon Captain Woodbury applied for an injunction from the courts to prevent the \$300 being expended for the celebration. The petition for injunction was heard before Judge Street, who refused to grant it, and the Marine society held its banquet at the Marlborough hotel as it had planned to do.

Captain Woodbury, however, believed himself to be in the right and brought suit against the society for spending money in a way, as he claimed, that it had no right to spend it under its charter.

The hearing on this suit took place before Judge Haskell and attracted a great deal of attention at the time. Judge Haskell threw the case out of court without costs, possibly hoping thereby to end the matter. But Capt. Woodbury was not satisfied with the non-suiting of the case and carried it on appeal to the Law court.

The matter was heard by this court in July and a decision in the case is now pending.

Meantime, some six months ago, Capt. Woodbury was suspended from the society for disturbing its peace, and harmony, and for violating one of its by-laws. In the call for Tuesday's meeting, which was issued by the finance committee the members were asked to assemble to transact certain business and among other things "to see what action would be taken in the case of B. F. Woodbury."

This of course meant to see whether Captain Woodbury should be expelled from the society or not. Only nineteen members of the society were present at this meeting, and it was the desire of some members of the society, so it is said, to eject Captain Woodbury from membership on Tuesday, but other members who were present, thought it would be much wiser for the society to wait and see what is to be the decision of the Law court in the case now pending, before taking action on Captain Woodbury's expulsion. The arguments for and against continuing this matter are said to have been very warm, and the meeting was long extended and very exciting. As the by-laws of the society require that a member can only be expelled from the society at its annual meeting, those in favor of immediate action on Captain Woodbury's case were opposed to postponement. The matter was finally put to a vote and fifteen voted to adjourn the meeting until February 10 before voting on Captain Woodbury's case.

Four voted against a postponement. Those who voted for a postponement thought that should the society vote to expel Captain Woodbury, and that gentleman's suit against the society should later be sustained by the Law court, the society would be putting itself in a very awkward position if they expelled the person who brought the suit. The society will now wait with great interest the Law court decision on Captain Woodbury's case.

Junior Order American Mechanics.

Garfield Council, No. 13, J. O. U. A. M., held its regular meeting Tuesday evening. The nominations of officers were held during the evening and the election will occur at the last meeting in the month. The committee appointed to secure a lease of Odd Fellows' hall made a partial report and it was voted that the committee be given full power to accept or reject the terms of the lease.

The committee will meet this evening and the final decision rendered relative to the leasing of the hall. Several applications for membership were received at the last meeting and the candidates will be initiated next Tuesday evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate in this county have been recorded in the Registry of Deeds:

Appleton N. Burnell of Baldwin to A. N. Young of Biddeford, for \$800, a lot of land in Seaboard; also by same parties for \$200, a lot of land in Hiram.

Rasmus C. M. Arentzen to John G. Olson, for \$400, one half in common undivided of a lot of land in South Portland.

Eva W. Wignall of Baldwin to Almon Young of Biddeford, for \$200, a lot of land situated in Baldwin.

John W. Lombard to Mrs. F. Hall, both of Windham, for \$1, a lot of land in Windham.

William M. Dyer to Marilla M. Dyer, both of Gorham, for \$1, a lot of land in Gorham.

Richard M. Libby to Elizabeth C. S. Libby, both of Portland, for \$1, a lot of land in Scarborough.

A large assortment of Waltham Sky-light watches for ladies, in silver, gold and gold filled cases, for sale by W. W. Mansfield & Co., Jewelers, 241 Middle street, opp. foot of Free street. Open evenings.

CAPT. JOSE'S CASE.

He Will Probably Be Made a Member of the Imperials.

A meeting of the committee on fire department was held yesterday afternoon at which the case of Captain Jose of Machigonne steamer No. 1, who was ordered discharged, at a former meeting was called up. It will be remembered that at a meeting of the board of engineers, to cover a legal technicality, Capt. Jose was given a hearing. So when the committee met yesterday they were prepared to take into consideration whatever Capt. Jose had to say in his favor.

As a result the committee voted not to confirm the action of the board of engineers, so far as discharging Captain Jose from the department is concerned, but to keep him in the department "on the line," that is, not as captain of the Machigonne company, but as a member of that body. It is understood that this action of the committee will be satisfactory to the board of engineers.

City Government.

A special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held yesterday, Chairman Thompson presiding.

Absent, Aldermen Howell and Fagan. Petitions were granted, subject to favorable report of the committee, to H. E. Merrill to erect an addition to dwelling No. 94 Emory street and of J. L. Brackett to erect a two and a half storied dwelling corner of Payson street and Washburn avenue.

The board then went into a licensing board and granted subject to favorable report of chief engineer of fire department, license to N. M. Perkins & Co., to keep gunpowder, and subject to committee on licenses, granted license to P. E. Torrey as a victualler at 13 Preble street, Daniel Tobie 32 Market street, and to C. H. Chapin as an innholder Park hotel.

The meeting was called for the purpose of committing an insane person to the asylum at Augusta, but adjourned without action until such time as the friends of the insane person were prepared to give the proper bond to the city required in similar cases.

School Houses Not To Be Used for Cooking Schools.

The committee on public buildings have passed a unanimous vote that it is inexpedient to allow the use of a room in the Jackson school house for a cooking school, and the ladies of the Women's Literary Union have been notified to that effect. The reason for this action by the public buildings committee was that it would permanently disfigure the room and that it would be too expensive a job to fit up the room as it ought to be.

There has been mention of a room in the Casco street school house, but it is doubtful if the committee would take any different action in relation to a room in that building.

The High School Racquet.

The Christmas number of the High School Racquet is out. The cover is embellished with a tasteful design by Mr. Paul P. Gould. Mr. L. I. Hight, assistant principal of the school, contributes a "Ballade of the Old School Book," "A Life of Portia" by Miss Mary A. Portia, a letter from Brown university, an article on athletics by Mr. Percival P. Baxter, and an article to prove that Greece was the greatest factor in civilizing the universe, are among the other contributions.

Eastern Telegraph Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Telegraph company was held in this city yesterday. The following board of directors was elected: Chas. A. Tinker of New York; Thomas Roche, Boston; C. C. Bedlow, Boston; Frederick Robie, Gorham; C. D. Livermore, Portland; J. W. Plested, Portland; John D. Williams, Portland.

At a meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: President, Frederick Robie; treasurer, C. C. Bedlow; clerk, C. D. Livermore.

Ex-Sheriff Cram Assigns.

Ex-Sheriff Leander E. Cram, who has been in the manufacturing cigar business for the past three years, made an assignment last Friday to Charles P. Mattocks.

The liabilities amount to \$8000 and the assets consist of portion of manufactured cigars and manufactured tobacco neither of which are readily convertible at decent prices.

Along the Wharves.

The schooner Cambridge is at Bar Harbor loading the railroad iron of the defunct Green Mountain railroad, which she will bring to this city for the Portland Rolling Mills which has bought them.

The fish arrivals yesterday were the Maud Muller, Uncle Jo and Nellie Burns 20,000 each; Robert and Carr, 12,000; Forest Maid and Eva and Mildred 8000 each, and the Annette with 4000.

Said He Belonged in Portland.

Lemuel Allen, who keeps a pawn shop in Broad street, Bangor, had some good and also, some bad luck on Tuesday. On Monday a man named Frederick Travers, who says that he lives in Portland, stole a pair of trousers from Allen's store, and early on Tuesday morning some one broke a light of glass from a window and stole a revolver, vest, shirt and other goods.

Travers, the man that stole the trousers, was arrested on Monday night and in the Municipal court Tuesday morning was fined \$3 and costs for drunkenness. As he could not pay he pleaded not guilty but after hearing the evidence in the case Judge Vise found him guilty and suspended sentence until the completion of the sentence for drunkenness. As yet the person who broke the window and stole the goods has not been arrested.

Only good things are imitated, therefore be sure that you get the genuine Salure Oil, if you want to cure your rheumatism.

BOWLING LAST EVENING.

The Imperials Defeated the Waverlys by a Close Score.

The night was cold and dreary, but the courage of the members composing the Imperials and Waverlys in the bowling tournament at Pine's alleys weathered the storm and were on hand prepared to play the game of their lives.

On the first string, Dennis, Hart and Silva were the high men, each obtaining a score of 97 pins.

The string was well bowled by each player, and was the best in the game, the final score showing that the Imperials led by four pins. On the second string both teams fell off on the quality of their work, Enos of the Imperials maintained the reputation of his team and scored 103 pins.

The Waverlys played the better game and at the close of the string led the Imperials by 10 pins.

The third string an improvement was made in the playing and Greely of the Imperials finished with a score of 99 pins, and leading all the other bowlers.

The Imperials realizing that the Waverlys led them six pins at the end of the second string, determined if possible to win the game.

The bowling was good and the Imperials finished with a lead of 17 pins. The final result showed that the Imperials had won one of the most exciting games in the tournament, defeating their opponents by 11 pins.

The following were the scores obtained by each of the men:

IMPERIALS.

Greely, 75 81 99—255
Enos, 88 103 81—272
Hart, 97 77 87—261
Wilson, 94 78 84—256
Silva, 97 92 90—279

461 481 441—1312

WAVERLYS.

Armsby, 81 84 82—247
Dennis, 97 90 95—282
Craig, 79 96 88—263
Dyer, 94 88 89—271
Cobb, 95 85 92—272

447 441 424—1312

Portland Bowling League Standing.

Won. Lost. Per Cent.

Crescents, 10 0 1.000
Imperials, 7 3 .700
Orientals, 6 4 .600
Tontines, 3 6 .333
Waverlys, 3 7 .300
Camp Columbias, 0 9 .000

The next game will be played Friday evening between the Tontines and Camp Columbias.

WILLARD BOWLING LEAGUE.

Two Games in the Series Played and Standing Up to Date.

On Friday night the Willard bowling league played another game in its series. The Boyards won by 41 pins. The summary of the game was as follows:

BOYARDS.

Fisher, 94 85 89—268
Broughton, 71 78 96—245
Verrill, 80 75 89 71—235
Curdis, 95 88 90—273
Syphers, 94 81 73—248

429 412 419—1300

SUPERIORS.

Stadley, 81 71 72—224
N. Fredethen, 81 91 73—245
Spear, 80 72 96—248
Smith, 79 89 77—245
Elliot, 86 83 89—258

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On Tuesday night another game was played in the series of the tournament. In this the Evangelines won by 50 pins. The summary of the game was as follows:

BRENTWOODS.

Richards, 82 88 90—258
Thompson, 73 99 99—271
Griffin, 82 79 82—243
Taylor, 76 75 75—226
Daniels, 81 80 85—246

894 864 431—1214

EVANGELINES.

Skinner, 81 80 79—240
Webber, 87 74 68—229
Woodbury, 104 74 86—264
Cole, 88 76 97—261
Armstrong, 93 90 87—270

453 394 417—126

WILLARD LEAGUE STANDING.

Won. Lost. Per cent.

Probles, 6 1 .857
Evangelines, 5 3 .625
Superiors, 4 4 .500
Willards, 3 5 .375
Brentwoods, 3 6 .333
Bayards, 1 6 .143

JACQUES VS. PULTZER.

A Hearing on This Interesting Case Will Be on Today.

There was a hearing yesterday at Bar Harbor, before Auditor George E. Bird, of Portland, on the case of Herbert Jacques vs. Joseph Pulitzer, which involves an alleged balance of about \$50,000 due Mr. Jacques on alterations made at Chatwood last year. Mr. Jacques lawyers are Nathan Matthews, Jr., Wm. G. Thomson and Harbath Hamlin, while Messrs. Deasy and King will appear for Mr. Pulitzer.

DEERING.

The new house in Deering was opened last evening. It is a very neat building. The company had a reception and supper.

Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Second Floor.

Blankets, Puffs, DOWN QUILTS.

We are to offer special Bargains in these goods commencing today.

1 lot 50c Blankets in white with borders.

1 lot 98c Blankets, good size, in three different colors.

1 lot \$1.50 Blankets, large size, shaded borders.

1 lot \$2.50 Blankets, " " " " " "

1 lot \$3.50 Blankets, fluffy and soft, (sells itself.)

\$5.75 Blanket, will be one of our leaders at this sale.

All Wool Noh Shrinkable, sold in Portland only by us, at 5.00, 6.00 and 8.00

Sblendid line of 5.00 Real Down Puffs.

Sateen Puffs, southern wool filled, 98c, 1.25, 1.50

Soft Downy Puffs, silkolene coverd. 1.98

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Auction Sale

Today at 11 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

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